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**Dairy Proposes Further Investigation of Contaminated Groundwater
Near Berino**

(Santa Fe, NM)-- Sun Valley Dairy, LLC has submitted Stage 1 of its groundwater contamination abatement plan to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The dairy will further investigate groundwater contamination at its dairy located approximately 1.5 miles south of Berino in Dona Ana County.

Dairy wastewater releases at this facility have contaminated groundwater in excess of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standards. The submitted Stage 1 abatement plan includes further characterization of the extent of groundwater contamination.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the next phase, Stage 2, of the abatement plan, which will include a proposal for cleaning up the contamination. A public notice seeking public comment and announcing the availability of the Stage 2 abatement plan proposal will be published within 30 days of the plan's receipt by the Environment Department. The public notice can be sent directly to interested persons who request to be on a facility mailing list.

To get on the list or for additional information, contact Karma Anderson, a geoscientist with the New Mexico Environment Department, at (505) 827-0629, or Jon Goldstein, NMED Communications Director, at (505) 827-0314.

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